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March 23, 2019

Senator Donovn Dela Cruz, Chair
And members of the Committee on Ways and Means

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 809 RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

OUTREACH TO HOMELESS YOUTH

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SB 809 Relating to the Funding of Grants Pursuant to Chapter 42f, Hawaii Revised Statutes. HSYN has submitted an application for a grant-in-aid to provide outreach to homeless youth statewide.

Homeless youth who are living on their own on the streets without support or guidance from their families are the most vulnerable segment of our homeless population. They are children who have not completed their education, lack employment experience, and have not yet learned the skills for adult living.

According to the Hawaii Street Youth Survey:

- The average age when youth first become homeless is 14.
- More than 3/4 have been physically, emotionally, or sexually abused.
- 41% were forced to leave home by their families.

The 2018 Homeless Point-in-Time Count found that three-quarters (73%) were unsheltered. Street outreach is critically needed to find these youth, reunite them with their families if it is safe to do so, and ensure that they move into safe and appropriate living situations.

Since April 2018, HYSN and partners have been provided outreach to homeless youth through a Legislative Grant-in-Aid. **In 9 months, the program has reached 842 runaway and homeless youth.**

As a result:

- 128 youth have accessed health or mental health services;
- 159 have connected with school, employment, transportation, and/or housing services.
- 131 have participated in educational services (such as attending school, participating in a GED program, applying for school admission).
- 88% have increased connections or more positive relationships with caring adults.
- 63 youth have been reunited with family or placed in other safe, appropriate living situations.

Please help our homeless children by funding this grant-in-aid request.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director



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March 25, 2019

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means

Date: March 28, 2019 at 10:00AM

Re: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT HB809 - RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

STATEWIDE SUPPORT & OUTREACH TO LOW-INCOME, HIGH-RISK MOTHERS AND FAMILIES

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii respectfully submits details of a valuable statewide maternal and child health program for the Committee's consideration. Hawaii Cribs for Kids is the first and only program of its kind, **servicing more than 500 families, at 12 sites, on six islands** for over six years.

This year, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies (HMHB) introduced postpartum depression counseling through our MothersCare Services, after hundreds of MothersCare calls over the past 20 years confirmed the need, and lack of available resources. **HMHB is seeking Grant in Aid funding to support the sustainability of the successful Cribs for Kids program; enhancing postpartum follow-up calls by adding a screening for depression, substance use disorder, and/or reproductive health planning, (using One Key Question®) and making referrals to services and providers for assistance.**

Community Need: More than 3,500 infants die from sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUID) every year in the United States; and **one child every other week dies in Hawaii**, with approximately half attributed to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). State data shows that many babies in Hawaii are at serious risk of accidental injury or death, and that sleep-related deaths from other causes including suffocation, entrapment and asphyxia have increased. Mothers who participate in this program are considered "high risk," referred from low-income communities with disparate birth outcomes. Due to many socioeconomic factors, these mothers often have lower breastfeeding rates, higher rates of postpartum depression, and substance use disorder, necessitating timely interventions.

Objective: The goal of this important program is to reduce infant mortality by providing parents with life-saving information and a free Pack 'n Play crib, followed by one year of follow-up postpartum support and referrals to support services, including MothersCare maternal mental health counseling services. By elevating community education and following up throughout baby's first year of life, parents become knowledgeable, confident and supported in protecting their children.

Cribs for Kids consists of a one-hour interactive educational session on risk prevention, including how to create a safe sleep environment and reduce significant SIDS risk factors. The curriculum is based on the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) safe sleep recommendations and includes both direct and indirect health risks and how caregivers can eliminate these risk factors to keep their baby safe.



Cribs for Kids participants at Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center



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The class also includes a child abuse prevention component that describes infant development and how to cope with challenging situations, such as prolonged crying.

Upon completing the class, **parents receive a Pack 'n Play crib to provide their baby with a safe place to sleep, and HMHB conducts one year of postpartum follow-up calls to check on the health of the baby and to provide referrals to supportive, social or community health services, including MothersCare Services for postpartum depression.**

Target Population: HMHB partners with 20 agencies on six islands to refer qualified individuals. Participants fall below 185% of the federal poverty level, have a low education level (64% of applicants have a high school diploma or less), afflicted with substance use disorder during pregnancy, and prioritize races/ethnicities with higher infant mortality rates (including Hawaiian (42% of referrals are Hawaiian/Part Hawaiian), Black, and other Pacific Islanders), and/or have otherwise identified infant health concerns.

Statewide Partners:

Oahu

Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
Waimanalo Health Center
Catholic Charities Hawaii
PACT Hawaii
INPEACE
Child & Family Service
The Queen Emma Clinic
Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children
Safe Sleep Hawaii

Maui

Maui Family Support Services
Maui High Teen Parent Program
Hana Community Health Center

Lanai

Lanai Community Health Center
Maui Family Support Services

Molokai

Molokai General Hospital Women's Health Center

Hawaii Island

North Hawaii Community Hospital
West Hawaii Community Health Center
Bay Clinic
Hamakua Health Center

Kauai

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Wilcox Medical Center
Child & Family Service

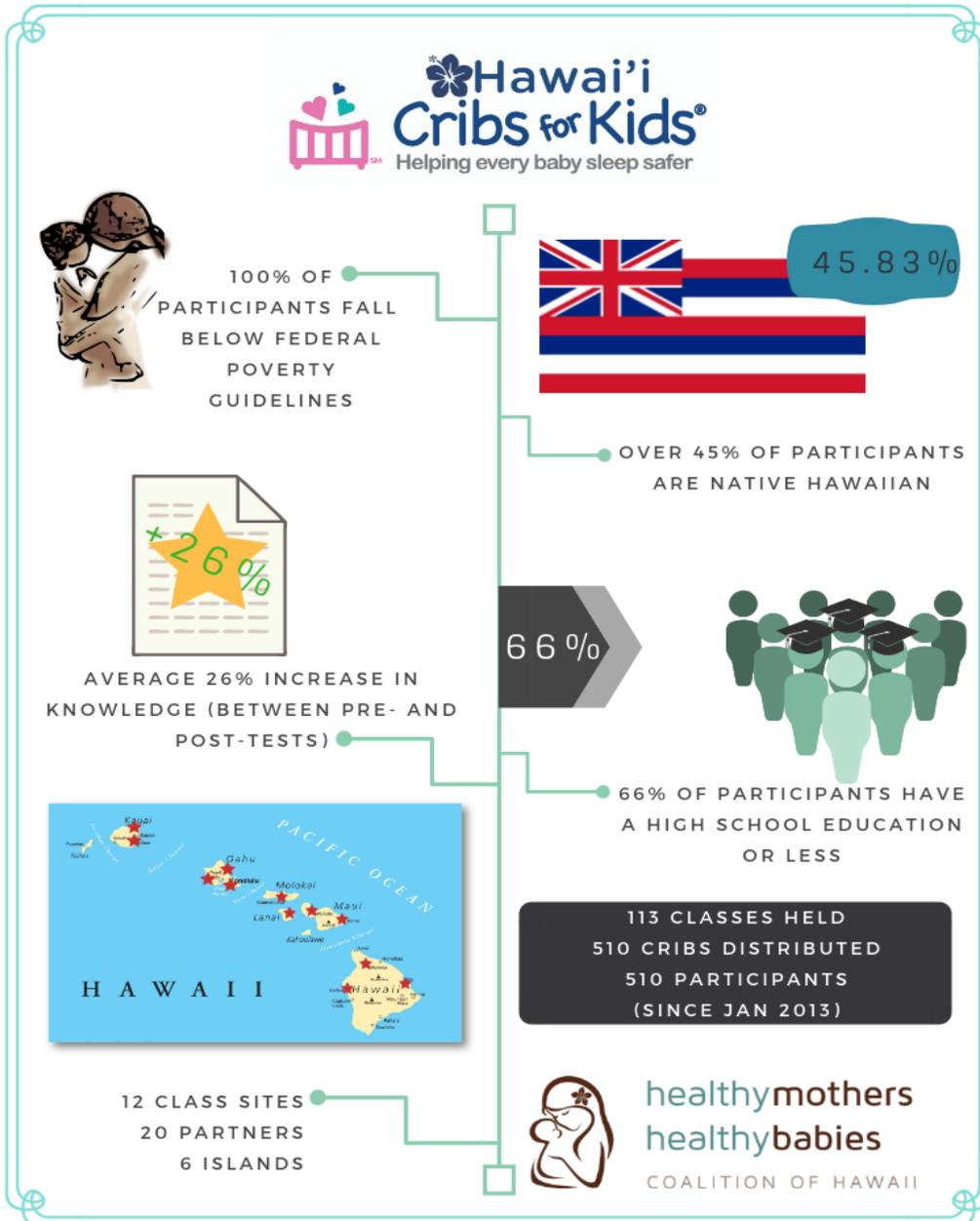
Class Locations:





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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kimura

Lisa Kimura, MBA
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Submitted on: 3/25/2019 8:53:14 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/28/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katrina Obleada	Testifying for Hawaii Psychological Association	Support	No

Comments:

Hawai'i Psychological Association (HPA) supports Grant in Aid for a Hawai'i FASD Action Group Coordinator position, and for a training project to identify and treat people at high-risk for FASD.

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Submitted on: 3/25/2019 4:03:11 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/28/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Helping Hawai'i Live Well

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair, Members, Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Trisha Kajimura, Executive Director

Re: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 809 SD1 RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Hearing: March 28, 2019, 10:00 am, CR 211

Thank you for hearing **House Bill 809**, proposed as the Grant Funding Act of 2019, which appropriates operating and capital improvement grants for fiscal year 2020.

Mental Health America of Hawaii (MHAH) is a 501(c)3 organization founded in Hawai'i 77 years ago, that serves the community by promoting mental health through advocacy, education and service. We have been a leader in improving the care and treatment of people with mental illness in Hawaii through policy change. MHAH has been dedicated to advocating for improved care and treatment of people with mental illness and reducing stigma, which kindles prejudice and mistreatment of mentally ill people. We are a statewide organization with offices on Oahu and Maui.

MHAH last applied for and was granted a program Grant-in-Aid (GIA) by the 2015 Legislature. That GIA allowed us to create Hawaii's first and only suicide prevention mobile app, called "Kokua Life." It is available for free download at kokualife.org and provides our community with Hawaii-specific resources for suicide prevention as well as connection to crisis lines and 911. We recognize that the Legislature's Grant-in-Aid program is an important source of funding for programs and capital improvement projects critical to the safety, health, and well-being of our community.

This year we have applied for program support to develop and pilot a new program to address bullying in senior programs. This program proposal parallels our youth suicide and bullying prevention program, which we developed in-house and is in-demand across the state. We propose to build on that expertise to serve kupuna, who unfortunately are vulnerable to health-threatening bullying in their programs and living environments. Our program will provide support and education to kupuna and the people who work with them by training both kupuna and staff on how to identify, address and report bullying, how to protect kupuna from bullying and how to create a safe, healthy, and mentally supportive program and living environment. We hope that you will fund this proposal.

Thank you for considering my **testimony in support of HB 809**. Please contact me at trisha.kajimura@mentalhealthhawaii.org or (808)521-1846 if you have any questions.



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HAWAII MATERNAL & INFANT
HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

March 27, 2019

**Thirtieth Legislature Regular Session of 2019
Thursday, March 28, 2019, 10:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211
415 South Beretania Street**

**To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair**

From: Hawaii Maternal and Infant Health Collaborative

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS GRANT IN AID.

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Grant in Aid request.**

The Grant in Aid request will provide a coordinator for the Hawaii FASD Action Group, as well as a training project to identify and treat people at high-risk for FASD. Increasing capacity to identify and treat people at high-risk for FASD is necessary to increase healthy birth outcomes and reduce life-long health impacts such as brain damage, and behavioral and cognitive problems for children in Hawaii. In addition, the cost of care for one child born with fetal alcohol syndrome across their lifetime is estimated to be over \$2 million dollars. The most recent Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) data available in Hawaii regarding perinatal alcohol use found that 6.9% and 1.2% of women reported drinking and binge drinking in their last trimester of pregnancy, respectively. When this data is disaggregated by island, we see a range between 6.0-10.8% across Hawaii, Maui, Oahu and Kauai. Increasing capacity will be beneficial in decreasing these rates across our state and FASD, which is 100% preventable.

Hawaii Maternal and Infant Health Collaborative, founded in 2013, is a public private partnership committed to Improving Birth Outcomes and Reducing Infant Mortality. The Collaborative was developed in partnership with the Executive Office of Early Learning's Action Strategy with help from the Department of Health and National Governors' Association. The [Action Strategy](#) provides Hawaii with a roadmap for an integrated and comprehensive early childhood system, spanning preconception to the transition to Kindergarten. The Collaborative helps advance goals within the Action Strategy by focusing on ensuring that children have the best start in life by being welcomed and healthy. The Collaborative has completed a strategic plan and accompanying Logic Model, *The First 1,000 Days*, aimed at achieving the outcomes of 8% reduction in preterm births and 4%

reduction in infant mortality. To date over 150 people across Hawaii have been involved in the Collaborative. These members include physicians and clinicians, public health planners and providers, insurance providers and health care administrators. The work is divided into three primary areas, preconception, pregnancy and delivery, and the first year of life, and coordinated by a cross sector leadership team. Work is specific, outcome driven, informed by data and primarily accomplished in small work groups.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 809: RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

TO: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair, and Members, Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Betty Lou Larson, Legislative Liaison, Catholic Charities Hawai'i

Hearing: Thursday, March 28, 2019; 10:00 am; CR 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members, Committee Ways and Means:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in strong support** of HB 809 **and the Grant in Aid application for renovations at the Ma'ili Land housing project, submitted by the Catholic Charities Housing Development Corporation.** I am Betty Lou Larson, with Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for over 70 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, families, homeless and immigrants. Catholic Charities Hawai'i has a long history of working in the areas of affordable housing and homelessness.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i has operated a homeless shelter at the Ma'ili Land site since the 1990's. In 2017, we transitioned 29 of the 44 original units to permanent housing through the **Catholic Charities Housing Development Corporation (CCHDC)**. 15 units continue to be operated by CCH as transitional housing for homeless families.

We strongly support the Catholic Charities Housing Development Corporation's GIA request for the repair and/or complete renovation of the permanent housing units at Ma'ili Land on the Leeward Coast. These 29 units are greatly needed for permanent housing, but no funds were available at the transition for renovation of these units. After many years of use as a homeless transitional shelter, the units are structurally sound, but require renovations for electrical, kitchen counters and cabinets, appliances, etc. These much needed changes will improve the livability for tenants and make the permanent housing sustainable for years to come. Funding this project will impact hundreds of low-income people and their children, and provide an option for families coming out of homelessness to permanent housing.

Hawaii has both a homeless crisis and a sheltering crisis. This project is a step towards helping both of these crisis. We urge your support for the repair/renovations of the apartment units at Ma'ili Land on the Leeward Coast. Please make this a priority, since it addresses the State's priority to resolve the huge homeless and affordable housing crisis.

Thank you for addressing permanent housing as this is the critical path out of homelessness. Please contact me at (808) 373-0356 or bettylou.larson@catholiccharitieshawaii.org if you have any questions.





LATE

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Thursday March 28, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211
HB 809 - Relating to Grants, Pursuant to Chapter 42F HRS**

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the WAM Committee:

On behalf of the Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations, I would like offer comments **on HB 809, relating to Grants, Pursuant to Chapter 42F, HRS.**

Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) is a statewide, sector-wide professional association of nonprofits. Our mission is to unite and strengthen the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of life in Hawai'i. Our member organizations provide essential services to every community in the state.

We understand HB 809 to provide general provisions and guidelines for funding and administering Chapter 42F grants in both operational funding and CIP; and stipulating key funding priority areas and their corresponding Program ID areas and expending agencies.

Grants from the Legislature provide a welcomed additional funding stream for charitable nonprofits to be impactful in delivering their missions, allowing for greater efficiencies in service delivery, and possible strategic growth and innovation.

We appreciate legislative processes that are transparent in outlining and codifying expectations of the Legislature and Administration in providing financial support to non-governmental entities that serve as partners to the State in meeting critical community needs.

Grants ideally should align with expending agencies' priorities and conditions. When they do not, (and even sometimes when they do), we observe, this contributes to contract challenges, which could include miscommunications, lack of communication, and payment delays, which are disruptive to both the expending agency and the grant recipient's ability to deliver on the grant. This well intended funding source has unintended consequences in the actual administering of the grant/contract.

Mechanisms that can facilitate improved processes and deliverables are welcomed. HANO is open to exploring constructive solutions with our government partners to meet our common goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments to HB 809.

Mahalo,
Lisa Maruyama
President and CEO

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TO: Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Ryan Kusumoto, President & CEO of Parents And Children Together (PACT)

DATE/LOCATION: March 28, 2019; 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 211

RE: COMMENTS ONLY FOR HB 809 – RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

We would like to offer comments only for HB 809 which appropriates operating and capital improvement grants for fiscal year 2020.

We understand that HB 809 would provide guidelines and provisions for the funding of critical services throughout Hawaii. Many of Hawaii’s nonprofits have identified key issues that need attention and support. Grant-In-Aid’s help to address these intervention and prevention activities, along with capital to improve facilities. Continued support from the Legislature allows for innovation and capacity building strategies that support our families, individuals, and the environment. We appreciate this strategy that the legislature is taking to appropriately align funding with key initiatives for our communities.

Founded in 1968, Parents And Children Together (PACT) is one of Hawaii’s not-for-profit organizations providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 15,000 people across the state annually, PACT helps families identify, address and successfully resolve challenges through its 18 programs. Among its services are: early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, childhood sexual abuse supportive group services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, poverty prevention and community building programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments for **HB 809**, please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org if you have any questions.

LATE

**HB-809 RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUEANT TO CHAPTER
42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

Hearing on March 28, 2019 at 10:00 AM, Conference Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol

**Petition in Support of Catholic Charities Housing Development
Corporation's GIA for the major repair and/or total renovation of
all 44 units at Ma'ili Land Apartments**

**We the residents of Ma'ili Land in Ma'ili Hawaii humbly ask the Ways and Means
Committee to support Catholic Charities Housing Develop Corporation's GIA for the full
amount requested – \$556,247.00. Please help us this a nicer please to raise our keiki.**

Petition attached.

Mahalo, the Residents of Ma'ili Land.

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cc: to senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov

Client Listing

UNIT#	SIGNATURE	NOTATION
A-01	Kanoalani A./Josselle A.	RENOVATE EVERYTHING STOVE
A-02	Lisa I.P./David P./Arsenio I.P.	Renovation of Unit w/ stove
A-03	Raynette G./Jarlin Q.	Bigger - w/ stove
A-04	Tyler W./Jahvina T.	Renew shower
A-05	Marvis/Fuafanua Vaiagae	2 Bedroom /ovens / A/C / Bigger units
A-06	Matthew R./Ashley T.	NEW CABINETS
A-07	Kristen/Bessie K.	Bigger units
A-08	Cassandra H./Ermy B./Kaiboke L.	Renovation - Full - oven -
A-09	Jade K.	Renovation w/ oven
A-10	Bryson O.R.	Renovation - Full - w/oven
A-11	Charron M./Paul D.	new cabinets / Renew bath tubs.
A-12	Braxton D./Rainna Y.	RENOVATE
A-13	OFFICE	////////////////////
A-14	Princess N./John A.	Full Renovation
A-15	Kahalaomapuana M.	Renovation w/ Shower & oven
A-16	VACANT	
A-17	Delephino S./Shirley H./Malachi S. & Liciram S.	parking lot and new units
B-20	OFFICE	////////////////////
B-21	Pumehana L./Renton K.	
B-22	Charnallelynn N./Austin T.	oven in all units / bigger units
B-23	Deja-Rae G./Elijah A.	complete renovation
B-24	Bernard G./Jarinn C.	parking / units
B-25	Mairinda A./Kamaichy J./Keichiro J.	The house / oven
B-26	Bernadette S./Thomas O.	Renovate !!
B-27	Kuulei L.	renovation
B-28	Ronald P./Shambert G.	Bigger Unit / oven / Play ground Needs
B-29	Jerrilymm J.	fix house
B-30	Solomon K./Hanalouise H.	Bigger stove / oven storage
B-31	Antonina T./William W.P.	More space / Bigger / Oven / Shower
B-32	VACANT	
B-33	Mella G.M./Lolita M.	Bigger unit / more storage space
C-34	Annamyleenta K.	Renovation
C-35	Diane H./Anthony P.	Renovation
C-36	Jade S.	renovations!
C-37	Brandalynn S.	Renovation
C-38	Daynalee/Brandon H.K.	More space Renovation
C-39	Francine M./Panela L.	MORE SPACE / SAFETY FOR OUR KIDS
C-40	VACANT	
C-41	Jontei W./Robert M.	oven / storage
C-42	Dayna K.M./Fabian M.	SPACE, oven, Play ground
C-43	Roycie K.D./Dalton W.S.	OFF ISLAND until April 2019
C-45	Tracy A.	oven / need Renovation
C-46	Chanel M.	OFF ISLAND until April 2019
C-47	Fernando C.K./Jessica A.	Full Renovation
C-48	Santashea E.L./Brysan M.	Better LAW ENFORCEMENTS
C-49	VACANT	